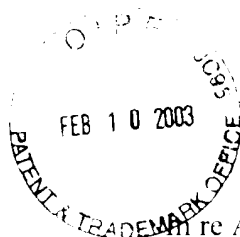


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: TATSUMI

Serial No.: 09/582,554

Filed: June 28, 2000

Confirmation No.: 8304

For: **A SUBSTANCE HAVING AN APOPTOSIS-INDUCING ABILITY**

Examiner: Peselev

Art Unit: 1623

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

In response to the Office Action mailed 28 October 2002, please amend the above-identified application as shown. In addition, please provide a one- month Extension of Time up to and including 28 February 2003 to answer the Office Action as provided for in 37 CFR 1.136. A check of \$110.00 for the Extension of Time fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 11, and 12 as follows.

Replacement Claims in Clean Form

1. (Amended) A method for the manufacture of a substance having an apoptosis-inducing ability characterized in including the following steps.

(1) subjecting at least one compound selected from the following (a), (b), (c) and (d) (excluding uronic acid and/or uronic acid derivatives; and compounds which contain uronic acid and/or uronic acid derivatives) to a heating treatment at 30-400 degrees C for from a few seconds to a few days:

(a) pentose;

(b) pentose derivatives;